COCHIN
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE BUDGET SESSION, 1117

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The Council met in the Council Hall at Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble President, (A. F. W. DIXON ESQ., C.I.E., I.C.S.), in the Chair.

The Hon'ble Sir Henry Craik, Political Advisor to His Excellency the Crown Representative, Lieut. Col. G. P. Murphy, Resident for the Madras States and Mr. B. M. Bacon, Special Officer, were present. The Political Advisor and the Resident were seated on the *dais* on either side of the President.

Messrs. C. R. Iyyunni, P. K. Madhava Menon, C. Kunjan Nambudiripad, Shabdai S. Koder and Mrs. C. R. Iyyunni were absent.

Welcome Address by the President

Mr. President: I am sure Hon'ble members will join with me in according a cordial welcome to our distinguished guests with us today, the Hon'ble Sir Henry Craik, Political Advisor to His Excellency the Crown Representative, and Lieut. Col. G. P. Murphy, Resident for Madras States.

Message from His Excellency Generalissimo and Madame Chiang-Kai-Shek

Mr. President: I have also a message to read out. You will remember that, at the last meeting of the Council, a resolution was passed unanimously which reads as follows.—

"This Council recommends to Government that the Government of India may be requested to convey to His Excellency Generalissimo Marshal Chiang-Kai-Shek and Madame Chiang, the greetings of the people of Cochin on the occasion of their first visit to India".

We have received a message from the Generalissimo and Madame Chiang as follows.—

"Generalissimo and Madame Chiang-Kai-Shek deeply appreciate the warm greetings conveyed to them by the Cochin Legislative Council on behalf of the people of Cochin, and wish to offer their hearty thanks for the friendly feelings therein manifested. They are confident that the friendship and good understanding between China and India will not only be further strengthened in this united struggle for a common cause, but also remain a firm basis for co-operation for world peace".

Swearing in

Messrs. A. Madhava Prabhu, M. Sivarama Menon, Khan Sahib Y. Mohamed Roshan Sahib and C. K. Nayar were sworn in.

OPENING SPEECH BY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President: Honourable Members,

I extend to you all a most cordial welcome to the Budget Session of this Council. We meet at a critical moment in the world's history, at a moment when Germany, knowing that time is not on her side is making a supreme and desperate attempt to secure mastery of the world. The effect of these stupendous exertions is seen alike in Southern Russia, in Egypt and on the vital sea supply routes. The British Minister of Supply has just reminded us that at no time since the Battle of Britain have we stood in graver peril. Though we are all confident of the final result, yet it is clear that we must concentrate our energies more than before on giving all the aid in our power to the war effort of the United Nations.

The year has been an eventful and a difficult one for Cochin State. At the beginning of the year the State was slowly recovering from the devastating effects of the severe cyclone of the 26th and 27th May 1941, and throughout this year which is now coming to a close that great storm was still making its presence felt, particularly in respect of the cocoanut crop. Until December last the people of this State could feel that, while the winning of the war was of vital importance for their future security and happiness, it was being fought far from its shores, and that the State was unlikely to be directly affected. With the entry of Japan into the war,

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